

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1 through 5, 7, 12-14, 16, 18-25 and 29 are pending, and claims 6, 8-11, 15, 17 and 26-28 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-5, 7, 12-14, 16, 18-25 and 29 are allowed. All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 953-5990 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

A response to the office action mailed February 3, 2006 within the one-month extension period was due on June 3, 2006, which fell on a Saturday. As such, this response is timely filed within the one month extension period today, Monday June 5, 2006. As such, a fee of \$60 for a one month extension of time (small entity) is believed to be due at this time. An appropriate Petition for Extension of Time is attached, along with a check in the amount of \$60.00.

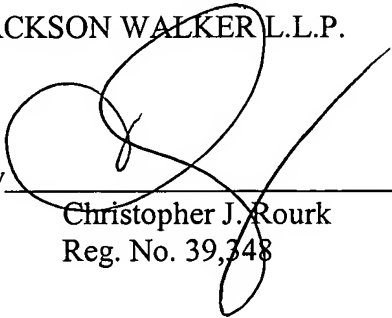
If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Jackson Walker L.L.P., Account No. 50-1752.

Dated: June 5, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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